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1. DURING SCICOUNS'S VISIT TO GARM AND DUSHANBE (SEPTTEL)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED ON GAZLI EARTHQUAKE FROM
NERSESOV AND NEGMATULLAYEV, TWO LEADING SOVIET SEISMOLOGISTS AND
EXPERTS ON EARTHQUAKES.

2. NERSESOV MENTIONED THAT DESTRUCTION IN GAZLI WAS LIMITED TO
BRICK HOUSES. HE STATED THAT THESE HOUSES COLLAPESD BECAUSE
OF IMPROPER FITTING OF BRICKS, ESPECIALLY AT CORNERS. IN
CONTRAST, CEMENT-BLOCK HOUSING WITHSTOOD EARTHQUAKE.
ACCORDING TO NERSESOV NO DISRUPTION OF GAS PIPING OCCURRED.

3. NEGMATULLAYEV INFORMED SCICOUNS THAT DEATH TOLL CAUSED IN
GAZLI BY MAY 1976 EARTHQUAKE WAS SIX PERSONS.

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4. NEGMATULLAYEV ALSO MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE TWO EARTH-

QUAKES IN GAZLI ON APRIL 8 AND MAY 17. THEY OCCURRED FORTY
DAYS APART. ACCORDING TO NEGMATULLAYEV MANY EARTHQUATES IN
TADZHIKISTAN USUALLY OCCUR IN PAIRS SPACED BY ABOUT SIX WEEKS.
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